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## RED CROSS SOCIETY

Main Chapter Formed Here Saturday. Branch Chapters Forming—Patriotic Move

County Seats are given preference for Red Cross Society Organizations and agreeable to this rule leading women of the city and neighborhood took action Saturday and the petitioners for the organization of a chapter having received authority from headquarters, met on Monday p. m. and elected the following officers:

Chairman, Prof. J. C. Bond, Vice Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Williams, Treasurer Wallace Applegate, Secretary Mrs. B. Hughes. The twelve petitioners were appointed a temporary executive committee.

Tuesday, June the fifth registration day was named for "Tag Day," when the young ladies and girls, members of the Red Cross dressed in the Red Cross uniform will sell tags for a fund to be used later in the war relief or whatever line of work the chapter may decide to undertake. Of course no definite plans will be made until the organization has become general and the whole community contribute their thought as well as money to the enterprise. The secretary was instructed to correspond with the headquarters in St. Louis, hoping to secure an early visit from an official instructor, meantime the regent orders are to form as large a membership as possible. The next meeting will be held June 4 at the Christian Church at 3 p. m. Let all members be present and vie with each other in bringing new names and pledges from all who are unable to attend. The annual dues are \$1.00 to be paid to the Treasurer, Mr. Wallace Applegate, one half is retained in this chapter and one half forwarded to headquarters for the general fund. Nothing has ever been put before the public which calls for deeper concern for such general and universal responders. We feel sure that this community, noted for its generosity and sympathy, that has never been known to turn down a single call of genuine affliction or distress will respond warmly to this appeal. Bring thought, time, energy in hearty cooperation. Mrs. Stewart of Huntsville will be at the American Theater Saturday at 3 p. m. Let all who can be present.

### Santa Fe De Luxe Record

"America's Finest Train" the Santa Fe de Luxe between Chicago and California is called, and what is more, it has a record exceeding any other road in the world for making time.

The west-bound service for this train began between Chicago and California Jan. 2 and ended March 20 and the east bound service extended from Feb. 20 to March 1, and each and every train was made without the loss of more than a half minute. Even the varying weather conditions in the west did not cause the de Luxe to be late, yet three mountain ranges are crossed to make California. When one thinks of trips 2219 miles, the distance from Chicago to California, each made on time under all weather and other untoward conditions, no other conclusion can be reached but that it is a perfect score. There was an unprecedented tourist travel during the time mentioned making this enviable record of five months of unparalleled success in making time.

### A Distressing Letter

A gentleman of prominence in this city was shocked to the point of prostration by the first seven pages of an eight page letter he had from his daughter in St. Louis Monday. She opened by saying that a most important matter was probable in her life and threatened at an early date to chain her serious attention. Feeling that there was no other to whom she could appeal for advice with so much certainty of deep interest and correct direction in the all important matter, she applied without delay to her father and most earnestly solicited his instant and undivided attention to her request. She further suggested that while it would not be necessary for him to come to her, and most unquestionably she would not present herself to him if the calamity overtook her, it was vital that he advise her as to the course for her to take, and that at the earliest possible moment. Another, about the 6th page of lamentation, apprehension and appeal, further stated that perhaps death would be preferable to what was possibly ahead of her, but she would with as much fortitude as she could summon, await his fatherly direction and affectionate comfort. The 8th page contained only these words in explanation: "Father, the fashion is about to adopt hoop skirts. Oh, what shall I do?"

### State Fair

The matter of putting on an exhibit at the State Fair has been discussed and it is quite likely that such will be done. In order to have a reasonably good display a large number of persons must help. This help must be done in the way of securing products and there are at least two that will have to have attention shortly. This one is blue grass and the other is alfalfa. The stems of those plants should be cut close to the ground and a close bundle perhaps three or four inches in diameter should be secured placing the stems evenly together. The bundles should be tied loosely by putting a string around it tying it around from top to the bottom of the bundle, then the entire bundle should be wadded loosely with newspaper, enough to exclude the light but not tight enough to cause the plants to mold. This should all be done as soon as the stems are secured and then they should be placed in a dark dry place to cure. In this way no leaves will be lost and the foliage will not fade.

Where an opportunity presents itself we hope that some samples will be secured and they may be brought to the office at the court house at any time where they will be properly cared for.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cowder of Lincoln Kans. announce the birth of a baby girl born to them May 22, and has been christened Eva May. Mother and baby doing well.

George Layher of Decatur, Illinois, is the manager of the freight business of the Wabash at that city. There was never a more efficient or popular agent of the Wabash at this city than was Mr. Layher from about 1885 to 1887 and while here Wednesday he and his niece, Miss Amelia Konstanzer of St. Louis were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Ford. Mr. Layher was greatly pleased to meet several of his old time friends, but noted with deep regret that many were missing from the circle of his former acquaintances.

## Don't Fail To

## REGISTER JUNE 5

All Between the Ages of 21 and 31

Must Be on Hand That Day

Don't trifle in any way about this matter Those to whom direction has been given to be on hand at the various registration stations

## Must be There

It is Their PLAIN DUTY to answer the call of their country and any sort of attempt to evade

## May End Disastrously.

Be on Hand June 5 to Register.

County Registration Board consists of R. E. Hurt, Sheriff, W. W. White, Clerk and W. D. West, Physician.

Persons living in any other County or State, can register by calling at the County Clerk's office before registration day.

Persons to be registered between the ages 21 and 30 inclusive.

Sheriff is the executive member of board and appoints all registrars.

Prosecuting attorney to be legal advisor of County Board. Registration places to be at regular voting places when convenient.

Registrars and renters of registration places request to serve and rent places without compensation.

Registration places to be open from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

The following registrars have been appointed to serve in Chariton Co., Bee Branch W. J. Billeter

Bowling Green James Stewart Brunswick 1, L. E. Merrill, W. Erle Perry, L. P. Rucker, Jr.

Brunswick 2, J. T. May Chariton H. S. Locke, Clark, C. H. Smith, Cockrell E. R. Brook

Cunningham E. W. House Keytesville 1, F. W. Hill, F. M. White.

Keytesville 2, Wm. Moore, Wallace Applegate, J. W. Taylor.

Mendon L. M. Stewart Missouri R. W. Goll

Musselfork 1, O. E. Welch Musselfork 2, G. D. Hains

Salisbury 1, Emil Sutter, J. W. Armentrout.

Salisbury 2, A. S. Rucker, G. W. Walker, H. T. Phelps.

Triplet 1, A. W. Guilloid, J. L. Reeves.

Triplet 2, F. W. Fleetwood Salt Creek, R. B. Vater

Wayland, F. O. Sears, C. O. Houston.

Yellow Creek, H. H. Miller, O. C. Cool.

### Farmers Bureau Directors Called

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chariton County Farmers Bureau is called for Saturday, June 2, at 1:30 p. m. at the Court House at Keytesville

All members of the board are urgently requested to be present as matters of much importance will be before the board for consideration. At 2:30 p. m., Mr. Jordan will deliver a public lecture on corn culture.

All clubs or communities in Chariton County desiring a public lecture from Mr. Jordan should immediately communicate with the secretary, J. O. Richardson, Keytesville, in order that the dates may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Roy W. Rucker President. J. O. Richardson, Secretary

### Devastating Tornado

Sunday a very destructive storm which visited Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky, left death in its wake. More than 300 dead have been reported and more than 1000 injured. The property loss was great. Help for the suffering, especially in Mattoon and other towns in Illinois must be had. South Missouri was damaged but to no such extent as Kansas and Illinois. Considerable hail here but to no great extent of damage, nor was there as great damage anywhere in this county as at Salisbury and it was not great at that city.

Mrs. Will Moore is not enjoying the mumps.

Miss Willie Helen Chrane shopped here yesterday.

### Girls Work For Soldier Boys

More especially in the large cities where the majority of young women and girls have nothing much worth while to do, crocheting, knitting, sewing or making something some way for their sweethearts, brothers or ideal soldiers affording pleasure as well as past time is employed as a diversion. Many, if not all of the young women append their names and addresses to the articles they contribute and in as many cases get acknowledgements from the lucky recipient of the favor. Some of the acknowledgements please the makers very much, others amuse and some are so rough that they engender a feeling of regret that the handiwork did not fall into other hands. We give a sample of one acknowledgement below which is a fair sample of the sentiment which runs thru many, tho this one has excellence of another kind.

"Some sox; some fit; "I use one for a helmet "And one for a mit, "I hope I shall meet you "When I've done my bit; "But who in the devil "Taught you to knit?"

Mrs. J. B. Cooper is tho to be critically ill.

Prof. J. C. Bond will spend his vacation visiting relatives and studying improved educational methods. He left Wednesday.

Wm. and Julius Saunders and Wm. Techmiejr of Forrest Green were here yesterday. They say that corn is not damaged so far and that the wheat crop looks good.

### Railroad Army Men

Wm. Vance whose parents live south of this city and who has been a clerk in the master mechanics office of the Wabash at Moberly and various other clerical offices on the road, volunteered to enlist in the army and go to France for railroad building purposes, as well as a number of other Wabash men holding different positions.

It appears that there was a change in the conditions of enlistment of some sort, and in order that the men might not be misled in any way, the Genl. manager wrote to Mr. Vance in response to an enquiry as follows:

St. Louis, May 25, 1917.

Mr. Wm. M. Vance, Moberly, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your action in volunteering to join the railroad regiment that the Wabash Railroad was requested to form is very much appreciated by the officers of the Wabash and you are entitled to great credit for your patriotism. I am advised, however, that the War Department has changed its original plan in connection with these railroad regiments and has decided to recruit them direct by the Colonel in charge of each of them. Your application, therefore, has been filed with Col. C. D. McTowson, U. S. A. St. Louis, Mo., who will be in command of the railroad regiment formed at St. Louis and the Colonel, or his representative, will communicate with you direct in further reference to your enlistment, it being of course optional with you to decide whether or not you desire to enlist under these new conditions.

In order that there may not be any misunderstanding on your part, I am calling your attention to the fact that you should register for service in accordance with the law, provided, of course, you are within the defined age limit, 21 to 30 years inclusive.

Yours truly, S. E. COTTER, General Manager.

### Birthday Celebrated

S. S. Fry was 69 years old May 27 and to surprise him his children assembled at the home of his son P. A. Fry ten miles east of Mendon and spread a feast for a celebration of the event. His granddaughter Hazel Fry got in on the deal also by having her birthday at the same time, and the old gentleman got no more pleasure from the event than did the pretty little girl.

Sixteen years had passed since the family was all together, and of course, with eight children, 34 grand-children, 4 sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law and one grand-son-in-law, there were more relatives on hand than could perhaps have appeared any year previous.

A rain set in about the time the spread of good things was ready for the guests, but that did not dampen ardor or appetite. A number of friends were on hand as well as relatives, among those from a distance being Rev. Estel Fry of Wabash, Mo., Henry Fry of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Davis of Brunswick, D. A. Cox and family of Mendon and Miss Ammon of Mendon.

Miss Hazel and her grandpapa would enjoy a birthday twice a week, according to the anonymous writer of the data given above.

Dr. Carlstead has sold his fiver and looks relieved but lonesome.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

Fate of Allies In Balance Russia Backed Out Fighting Slow

It appears a certainty that Russia has quit the allied cause. Fate of France and England seems to be in the hands of this country. German army from east may join in the west at an early date. Fighting has lulled so far as reports indicate. No more news to any extent concerning U boats is likely.

### Mrs. Susan A. Gordon

Wednesday the remains of one of the old residents of this city were brot here for interment beside her husband in the city cemetery and tho the weather was very bad, a number of the old time friends of the family were present at the services held at the Presbyterian Church and conducted by the new pastor Rev. Mathews.

Susan A. Brown was born near Glasgow, Scotland April 5, 1832, and with her family during her girlhood moved to Canada near Pembroke, Ontario. She was married to George Gordon in the early 50s and some time before the civil war came to this county. The Wabash, then the North Missouri Railroad had not been built, and the trip of the young couple made by stage from Old Allen to this town. To this union came four children, James B. of Empalme, Mexico; Frank A. of Las Vegas, N. M. and deceased Mrs. Belle M. Layher, and Mrs. Sudie Payne. A widow ed sister, Mrs. Janet Lavallo of Glasgow Sta. Ontario, now 88 years of age, together with Jas. B. Gordon and Frank Gordon appear to be the only survivors.

Susan Gordon was seized with an attack of gripe in February from which she never recovered and her death Monday at the home made for her in Decatur Ills. by her son-in-law since the death of her daughter, Mr. Geo. Layher, brot rest to the octogenarian whose life had been marked with many changes. Her husband, Major George Gordon died in 1877. He was major in General Sterling Prices army and for years was an employee of the Wabash at this city.

Services for the deceased were held in Decatur Ills. Tuesday afternoon and the remains brot to this city Wednesday afternoon by George R. Layher and his niece.

Mrs. Susan Gordon was one of the plain honest motherly women necessary to civilization. The long stretch of life covering so many changes in all earthly things was her reward for duty well performed and her faith in The Master the guarantee for the blessings promised those who love and serve him.

### Methodist Church

The usual services will be held Sunday. At the morning service, the pastor will preach on the subject, "America and the War." All are invited to join in making this a service which shall inspire loyalty and sacrifice for our country at this time.

Sunday school will be held as usual, the song service commencing at 9:30 a. m. The Epworth League service will be held at 7:00 p. m.

Milton C. Davis, Pastor

Mrs. J. C. Bond has gone to Green City Mo. to spend her husbands vacation with homefolks.

Mrs. Brown Thrash and daughter Miss Helen were shopping in Moberly yesterday.